mold (Figure 5). This combined process of settle and preliminarily blowing the parison whilst using the plunger requires an expensive construction and a comparatively long cycle. Moreover, it is disadvantageous that a sealing edge of the neck of the parison is formed by means of the guide ring.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-11.

Add the following claims.

12. Method for producing a parison (18) by means of a pressing process in a parison mold (1) of a press-blow glass forming machine, comprising the following steps:

(a) A gob (38) of molten glass is introduced from a feed device (32) from the top through a loading orifice (26) into a cavity (17) of the parison mold (1), while the parison mold (1) comprises a neck mold having a closed, longitudinally-divided neck tool (2) which forms a neck (19) of the parison (18),

(b) a pressing plunger (40) is pressed into the glass gob (38) through a middle through passage (42) of the neck mold until said pressing plunger in an end operating position (Figure 4;9) lies against the neck mold, wherein the parison (18) is preliminarily pressed until the cavity (17) is partially filled with molten glass,

(c) simultaneously with or following Step (b) pressure is exerted using a pressing element (44), which defines a part of the cavity (17), on a base (66) of the parison (18) which has been preliminarily pressed according to Step (b), until the cavity